

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 AGR-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3633

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

USMISSION GENEVA

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PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, EEC

SUBJECT: EC GSP TOBACCO QUOTA

REF: (A) STATE 168133, (B) EC BRUSSELS 6385

(C) BONN 11754

1. WHEN ON JULY 13 WE DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL DESCRIBED  
IN REF B WITH SIDNEY ABRAMSON, UNDER SECRETARY IN THE  
DEPT OF TRADE, HE ADMITTED THAT DESPITE FOREWARNING  
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OF THE SUBJECT, HE WAS NOT UP TO DATE. HE TOOK DETAILED

NOTES AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. HE SEEMED GERUINELY INTERESTED IN THE IDEA OF RAISING THE VALUE BREAKPOINT. HE ADDED HE WAS WELL AWARE OF US CONCERNS IN THE TOBACCO AREA AND HOPED THAT THEY COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

2. AGATT DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH GWINNELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COTTON AND TOBACCO IN THE DEPT OF INDUSTRY, WHO, AFTER NOTING THAT THE GSP CONCESSION WAS DESIGNED TO AID INDIA AND "HAD BEEN ADOPTED UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE FROM SOAMES," SAID THAT HMG WAS "WELL ADVISED" OF US CONCERNS.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE THE RELATIVELY FRIENDLY RESPONSE OUR APPROACHES ELICITED, WE THINK THAT REF C GIVES A FAIR PICTURE OF THE SITUATION.

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